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TELEGRAMS.

CHINA IN TRANSITION.

TROUBLE IN TIBET.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, April 18, 1.10 a.m.

A message from Simla states that it is reliably reported there that there has been fighting at Lhasa in which the Chinese were worsted and took refuge in a monastery in the vicinity. Unconfirmed Tibetan reports, which have come from the Dalai Lama's camp at Kalimpong, state that the trouble began at a conference called by the New Chinese Council at which the Tibetan state oracle was so outspoken that the Chinese ordered his execution. The oracle fled to the Sera monastery three miles from Lhasa.

GENERAL RISING.

The Chinese went in pursuit and bombarded the monastery. A general Tibetan rising followed. In the street fighting many Chinese were killed and others were burnt alive.—Reuter.

THE BIG LOAN.

Reuter learns that it is unlikely that there will be any opposition to the Russian and Japanese conditions regarding the Four Nations loan. Negotiations in various interests are now proceeding, but until the Anglo-Belgian loan question is settled no further advances on account of the projected big loan will be made. Though sixty millions sterling is mentioned as the eventual amount of the loan, the figure is as yet unfixed.

It depends upon China's requirements and her financial position. The question of official control of the application of the proceeds is also unsettled.—Reuter.

MURDER CONFESSION.

[Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, April 18, 9.15 a.m.

Six Yangtze outlaws who have been arrested have confessed to the murder of an American named Hicks.

TROOPS IN CONFLICT.

There has been a battle at Wanchien between the old and new forces over the disarmament of the former who were defeated with one hundred killed.

TELEGRAMS.

CHINA IN TRANSITION.

TO FOSTER TRADE.

[From Chinese Sources.]

Shanghai, April 17.

President Yuan Shih-kai has directed the Governor-General of the various provinces to make special endeavours to revive the commercial strength of the country by protecting trade and fostering agriculture.

THE GENERAL STAFF AGAIN.

President Yuan has appointed Chan Wan as Vice-advisor to the General staff.

The Peking Assembly will be formally opened on April 25 and will commence the transaction of business the following day.

TOATAI'S HUGE BORROWING.

As a condition for the handing over to the Republican Government of the administration of the Chinese customs the Powers are asking for the repayment of the sum of Tls. 3,600,000 which was borrowed by Tsai Ni-hung former customs Tsotai of Shanghai during the recent money crisis.

SHUM'S ADVICE.

Ex-Viceroy Shum Chun-hsun who was offered a position under the government as an advisor, has declined the post but has written to the President, strongly urging on him a policy of economy in the administration.—"Shun Po."

AMERICAN CONGRATULATION.

Shanghai, April 17.

It is reported that the American Legation has passed a resolution formally recognising the new republic and it is expected that in the near future a telegram will be sent from Washington congratulating the new government.

RUSSIA'S DEMAND.

As a condition upon which she will recognise the new republic, Russia demands that an assurance be given that the seat of government shall not be removed from Peking for at least a period of fifty years.

RECEIVING AN AMBASSADOR.

The Llama Chief in Fulin has thrown the republican emissary who was sent to pay a formal visit into prison.

TRUSTWORTHY WIFE.

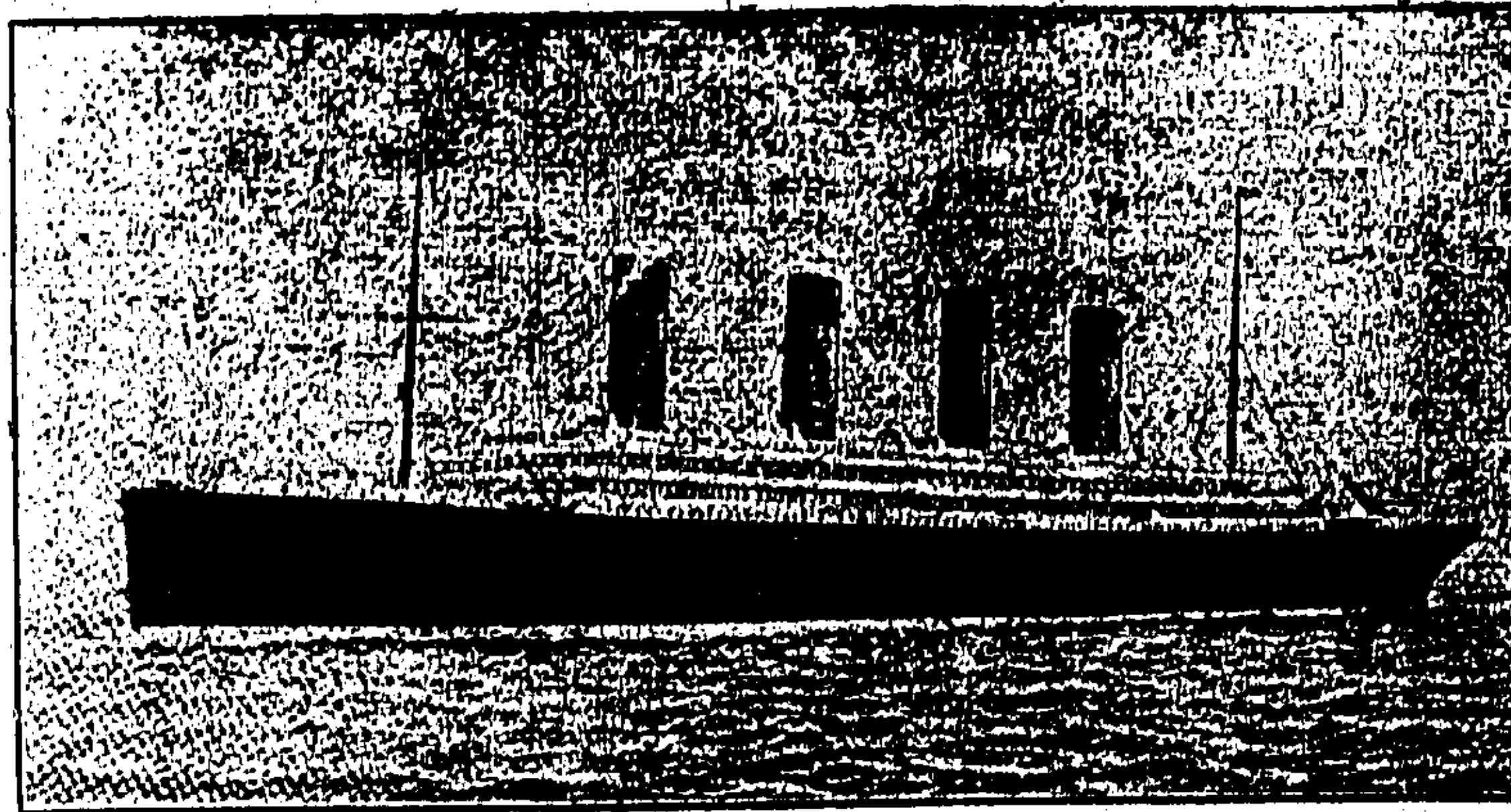
Tsai Fu one of the sons of Prince Ching, who has become a naturalised foreign subject, was recently discovered to have been plotting against the republic. The disclosures were made by one of his wives and Tsai in a rage drew a revolver and shot her. She was not, however, fatally wounded.—"Shai Kai Kung Yek Po."

TELEGRAMS.

SHIPPING DISASTER.

WORLD-WIDE SYMPATHY WITH SORROWING PEOPLE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS POURING INTO RELIEF FUND.



THE TITANIC AS SHE APPEARED BEFORE HER ILL-FATED VOYAGE.

Bombay, April 18, 7.15 a.m.

The Kaiser has telegraphed to King George his sympathy with the sufferers in the Titanic disaster. World-wide messages of sympathy have been received.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A memorial service is to be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Friday.

Reuter's correspondent at New York states that the Carpathia sent a wireless message at 11 p.m. on Tuesday. She was then 600 miles from New York.

RELIEF FUND OPENED.

The Lord Mayor of London has opened a Titanic relief fund. A carefully compiled list of the survivors show that there are 79 men, 253 women and 16 children. Of the remaining 510 it is estimated that about 100 belong to the crew.

YELLOW JOURNALISM.

In the absence of any authentic news the "New York Herald" and other New York newspapers published a sensational description of the wreck scenes which proved to be a pure invention.

RELIEF FUND.

London, April 17, 8.20 p.m.

Subscriptions to the relief fund are pouring in. Speyer Brothers have contributed a thousand guineas, the Rothschilds five hundred guineas and the Shipping Federation two thousand guineas. The Alexandria Orphanage offers to take twenty orphans from the families of the crew.

SEARCHING FOR BODIES.

Reuter's correspondent at New York states that the White Star Line is fitting out the steamer Mackay Bennett to search the zone in which the Titanic was lost, for bodies. She is taking tons of ice and scores of coffins.

SOLE SURVIVORS.

London, April 17, 4.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at New York states that a wireless message received from the Olympic states that the sole survivors are those on board the Carpathia. The second, third, fourth and fifth officers and the second Marconi operator are the only officers saved.

ROYAL SYMPATHY.

London, April 17.

Their Majesties King George and Queen Mary have sent a telegram to the White Star Company to the following effect:—"We are horrified at the appalling disaster. We deeply sympathise with the relatives and feel for them in their great sorrow with all our hearts." Queen Alexandra, H.M. the Kaiser and H.R.H. Prince Henry of Prussia have also wired their sympathy.

NEWSPAPER CRITICISM.

The editorials which refer to the disaster generally speculate as to whether the disaster will impress shipbuilders that the limit in the size of vessels has now been reached. They also point out the need for revising the Board of Trade regulations regarding the number of boats it is necessary to carry, suggesting, despite the White Star Company's assurances to the contrary, that the number of boats on the Titanic was insufficient. The newspapers further urge that some international agreement regarding the use of wireless to prevent the dissemination of mendacious messages like those of Monday be come to.

ENQUIRY DEMANDED.

A message from Washington states that Representative Mott has submitted a resolution providing for a searching enquiry into the wreck of the Titanic. Representative Hardwick has also submitted a resolution requiring that adequate life-saving apparatus be kept on all vessels entering American ports.

WIRELESS ABUSES.

President Taft and several members of the Cabinet have conferred with the Marconi representatives regarding the wireless regulations. It is now understood that President Taft will urge Congress to legislate with a view to preventing further interference by amateur operators.

NAMES OF SURVIVORS.

Two cruisers fitted with the most powerful wireless apparatus have been ordered to meet the s.s. Carpathia and retransmit the names of the survivors to the Government.

MANSION HOUSE FUND.

London, April 17, 4.5 a.m. The Mayor of Southampton appeals for the opening of a Mansion House fund on behalf of those dependent upon the crew of the Titanic, who were mostly residents of Southampton.

AVOIDING THE ICE.

The principal trans-Atlantic companies are changing the track of their vessels to a more southerly course on account of the ice fields.

A HOPELESS VIGIL.

Friends of the passengers waited all night long at the offices of the White Star Line in New York and London awaiting the news from the steamer Carpathia. The captain of the Parisian reports that if any persons escaped from the Titanic on pieces of wreckage they must have perished from exposure before the arrival of the steamers.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

INDIANS IN AFRICA.

MITIGATING THE LAWS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 17, 5.25 p.m.

At question time in the House of Commons, Mr. MacCallum Scott asked Mr. T. V. Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies, whether he would use his influence to mitigate the laws affecting Indians in South Africa. Mr. Harcourt replied that he was in frequent correspondence with the Union Parliament on Indian matters, and he hoped that the Immigration Bill now before the Union Parliament would do something to remove the sense of grievance.

FLOGGING IN GAOLS.

Mr. Edmund Harvey asked for details regarding lashes to prisoners in Mombassa and Nairobi gaols in 1911. Mr. Harcourt said that the Governor had been instructed in November to furnish half yearly detailed returns of floggings, the offences for which they were given, etc., and he had replied that these would be furnished.—Reuter.

HUNGARIAN POLITICS.

CABINET RESIGNS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 17 8.20 a.m.

The Hungarian Cabinet has again resigned owing to renewed hostility on the part of the Parliamentary parties to the Minister of War and to the Emperor's refusal to remove him.—Reuter. [It will be remembered that the Cabinet resigned at the end of March but resumed office when the Emperor Francis Joseph threatened to abdicate unless the resolution passed by the Hungarian Parliament limiting his Majesty's powers to call out the reserves were withdrawn. The Cabinet unwillingly acquiesced. The resolution was passed with a view to ending the Opposition's obstruction to the Army Bill, and it was the Emperor's resolute refusal to assent to it that led to the crisis. Finally, he induced the Cabinet to abandon the resolution and seek to placate the Opposition by other means.]

HOME RACING.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 17, 6 p.m.

It is announced that Sir Martin, one of the horses engaged in the City and Suburban, pulled up lame after a gallop this morning.—Reuter.

LOSAR ECLIPSE.

SUPERB CONDITIONS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 17, 5.25 p.m.

A solar eclipse was witnessed under superb conditions in Great Britain and the Continent.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

HOME RULE.

THE FIRST VOTE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 17, 1.10 p.m.

The Home Rule Bill has passed the first reading in the Commons by 360 votes to 206.—Reuter.

LIBERAL DISSENTIENT.

Sir Clifford J. Cory was the only Liberal who voted against Home Rule. The Hon. Mr. T. Agar Roberts abstained from voting.—Reuter.

THE IRISH PARLIAMENT.

London, April 17, 12.40 p.m. The Home Rule Bill has been issued. The Senators' term of office will be for eight years and the duration in the Commons five. The Irish Parliament will be summoned on the first Tuesday in September, 1913, whereupon the Irish members at Westminster will vacate their seats.—Reuter.

HOME POLITICS.

ANOTHER BY-ELECTION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 17, 2.5 p.m.

Mr. H. Webb, Liberal MP for Forest of Dean has been appointed Lord Commissioner of the Treasury in place of Mr. A. A. Haworth, and this necessitates a by-election for Forest of Dean, for which constituency he was returned at last election by a majority of 3,068 votes.

CANTON NEWS.

[The "Telegraph" Correspondent.]

Canton, April 17.

The Provincial Council here held a meeting yesterday to consider the advisability of asking General Lung Chai-kwong to remain his office in command of the troops. The meeting decided in favour of this course being adopted and sent delegates to wait on the General there and then. The General was quite touched by the references made about himself and his services and at length promised to give the matter his further consideration.

On April 14, Wong Chung-wai, the Minister for Justice in the Central Government was entertained by some of the prominent inhabitants in the East Garden on the Bund. In his speech Wong said that there were many dangers in attending the establishment of the republic. He had only just returned from abroad and had had no chance of studying the needs of the people in any great detail, but he found that there were large numbers of Chinese who were still ignorant of what the Republic really meant to them. He was afraid that it was the habit of the people, on the whole, to only look at one side of the question and to follow the wishes of the majority. He wound up by exhorting them to sink all private animosities and to do their best to further the best interests of the Empire at large.

The Governor General has sent an official letter to the Canton Provincial Government asking for the reasons which led them to denounce him to the Central Government in connection with his application of martial law to the editor who was lately executed. A member said that as they had now reported the matter to the President on the matter, they ought not to have any communication with the Governor General.

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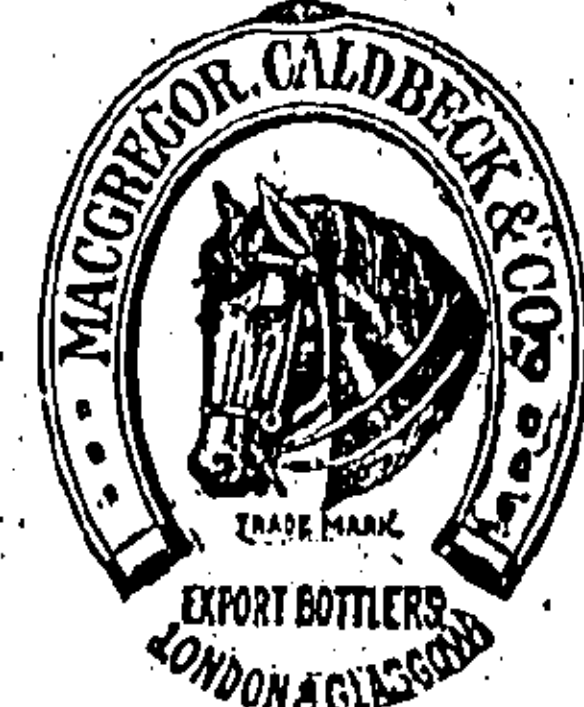
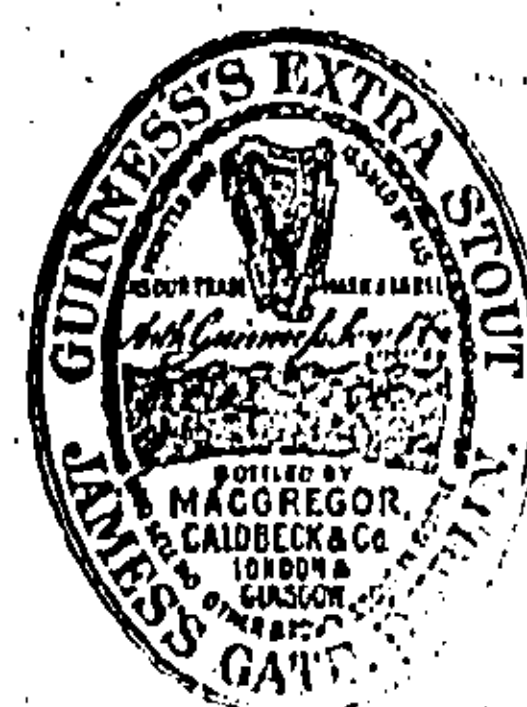
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China Mail.

The Titanic Disaster.

Too is the greatest terror of the North Atlantic and most of the tragedies which have appalled the world in connection with that stormy ocean, have been solely attributable to its agency. The terrible story which Reuter's cables have been conveying to the Far East during the past two days is one of the most distressing on record. Here we have a magnificent vessel of 45,000 tons, the largest ship afloat, built regardless of expense, fitted out in a style of lavish luxuriance unknown before, and, to use the current phrase of the hour, "expressing the best word in marine architecture," on her maiden voyage from Liverpool to New York, meeting with an ice-berg, crumpling up, and sinking, carrying with her into the watery depths of ocean nearly fifteen hundred human souls. No wonder Mr. Asquith, in conveying the ghastly intelligence to the House of Commons, said that he was afraid members "would have to brace themselves to confront one of those terrible events in the order of Providence which baffled foresight and appalled the imagination." There is no doubt that such a catastrophe as this makes the whole world blench with horror, for once again is man impressed with the fact that he is but a puny creature compared with Nature and her gigantic forces.

Daily Press.

The Loss of the Titanic.

There is no single shipping disaster in history which compares with this one either as regards the extent of the loss of life or the value of the property carried to the bottom of the ocean beyond all hope of recovery. All previous "great shipping disasters" are dwarfed by the magnitude of the present one, and never has the marine insurance market had so severe a blow. We understand the insurance on the hull and cargo amounts to between four and five million pounds sterling. What further light any of the survivors may be able to throw upon the inefficiency of the watertight compartments or the insufficiency of lifesaving apparatus will be awaited with interest throughout the world, though there is only too much reason to fear that the men who could speak with most authority on these questions have gone down with the ship. While we await the narrative of the experience of the survivors in those agonising four hours during which the vessel remained afloat we can but endorse Mr. Asquith's tribute of admiration to the heroic men who upheld the best traditions of the sea in offering the first chance of safety to those least able to help themselves.

South China Morning Post.

Millions Sterling for China.

Considerable satisfaction will be felt when the proposed loan of sixty million sterling has been made for the purpose of putting China on her financial feet. Last week we chronicled the fact that almost every obstruction had been levelled, mutual confidence having evidently been restored, and practically every arrangement had been made for the issue of the huge loan. Anxiety has whirled round the great question of the foreign control of revenue and expenditure, for an awakened and enlightened Chinese administration becomes naturally suspicious of foreign intervention and jealous of direct control by aliens. Still, the situation is a grave one, the treasury is depleted, the troops are restive owing to the lack of money, famine stalks through many extensive areas, and money must be forthcoming, whatever the concessions that must be made to ensure its advent.

HOUSE OF SILENCE.

Eccentric Doctor's Amazing Life Story.

The death is reported of Dr. John Samuel Pheno, in his ninetieth year. Dr. Pheno, wealthy and eccentric, was known as the owner of the "mystery house" in Oakley-street, Chelsea.

This strange residence stands at the corner of Oakley-street and Upper Cheyne-row. It is a high, square building of substantial type. Its Cheyne-row front is decorated in the most bizarre fashion. From pavement level to sloping roof it is a jumble of twisting columns and quaint symbolic figures. There are cupids, ancient goddesses, mermaids, imps, and the rest with-out end.

Surmounting them all are two rampant dragons. Over the pillared doorway are set the words, "Renaissance du Chateau de Savenay." The front is covered with the dirt of many years, the windows are shuttered, the doors boarded up.

Curious Legends.

The story goes that Dr. Pheno was reconstructing the house for his wife, but when she died suddenly he gave up the task.

Another legend was that he had quarrelled with the Chelsea Council about his rates and had sworn he would never pay another penny of rates on this house, and that he had never finished the building, employing workmen at intervals to give colour to his plea that it was still under construction.

The old gentleman's appearance at once excited interest, and his long white beard, his high soft hat, and long eagle created impressions indicated once in the phrase "a genuine Druid."

It is nearly thirty years since the house was occupied, and twelve years since the front was prepared in its present style. The interior of the house is as curious as its exterior. Many rooms are pillared and ceilings are gilded, frescoed and painted in gorgeous style, but all is in a state of dilapidation.

Around this silent, shuttered house is a garden, four acres in extent, decorated with scores of statues and figures, many, now broken and weather-worn, which the doctor collected during journeyings on the Continent or from curious dealers.

Crowded with Curios.

The house in which the doctor lived, 32, Oakley-street, is crowded with curios and statues of all kinds. He lived largely the life of a hermit, and no one knows much of him. The mystery of the "mystery house" was buried with him. Once, it is stated, he said that his wife and two children died within a fortnight of each other.

Some interesting details of the mode of life followed by the eccentric doctor were given by a man named Rootes, who had been in the service of Dr. Pheno.

"Apart from the regular work I used to do," said Rootes, "the doctor always put into one of the windows of No. 32 a notice when he wanted me. I knew the meaning of that notice; it was that I was to call and guide him across the street to No. 76 and let him into the empty house."

"He had a strange and complicated look on the front door and a peculiar key, both of his own design. I always went in with him and conducted him into the grounds where he would sit for hours in a deck chair, dreaming, as it seemed to me, of the past."

LEST WE FORGET.

A Home Rule Retrospect.

Democracies, we are told, have short memories. Since 1886, the year in which the first Home Rule Bill was introduced, a generation has passed away, and many of the present electors who took an absorbing interest in the events and debates of that time have allowed the principal incidents of the conflict to fade altogether from their memories, or remember them only in a vague and misty way. Electors under thirty years of age can have no recollection of them whatever; such information as they possess being derived entirely from that period of history which most people are least acquainted—that immediately preceding or subsequent to, the date of their birth.

Time of Turmoil.

It is hardly possible for those who did not live through the 1885 period to realise the turmoil created in the country by Mr. Gladstone's surrender to the party of disorder says the "Glasgow Evening News." Many old friendships were strained to the breaking point. On the way to and from business Liberals quarrelled bitterly in railway carriages. Country workmen, having a long distance to walk before reaching their job, frequently found themselves unable to set out before the arrival of the morning newspapers. Fathers disagreed with sons, and domestic peace, in many cases, was valued. Political passion was at white heat. Professor Tyndal wrote to his old friend Mr. Gladstone, telling him that had he lived in sterner times he would have lost his traitorous head. The country rocked with excitement.

In Ireland itself the invisible authority of the Land League still held the island in its grip, and enforced its decrees by the boycott, the pistol, and the hounding-knife. Intimidation, agrarian outrage, and political assassination were frightfully common. It was a dark day for the United Kingdom, and a man was badly wanted. He appeared. Chief Secretary Balfour wired to the Irish Executive—"Don't hesitate to shoot"; and the police, in self-defence, and in the execution of their duty, fired on the mob at Mitchelstown, and three persons were killed. The effect was instantaneous. Once more Irish disaffection, when taken with a firm hand, slunk into its lair; outrages gradually became less frequent, and the reign of terror was over.

Resolute Unionist Government.

There was a great outcry, however, in the English Opposition press. British Liberals appeared to be under the impression that the police were provided with firearms for fun, or that at least they were never meant to be used in earnest. "Force is no remedy," they shouted, wilfully blinding themselves to the fact that force, and force only, is the ultimate remedy against disorder and disloyalty in the State. Liberals tried to whip up the agitation by wiring a new rebel war-cry, "Remember Mitchelstown," to the Nationalists, but somehow the cry did not catch on, and the effort fell flat. Under the resolute government of Lord Salisbury crime diminished and prosperity increased. As the outcome of the Parnell divorce scandal the Nationalists quarrelled amongst themselves and split into two bitterly hostile factions, with the result that quiet and well-disposed people were allowed to live in comparative peace.

The Second Home Rule Bill.

On the advent to power of the Liberal party in 1892, the policy again came within the region of practical politics. The second Home Rule Bill passed the House of Commons in 1893, but was immediately thrown out by the Lords. Lord Rosebery as leader was lukewarm, and described himself as a "Home-Ruler but not an enthusiastic Home Ruler." Prominent Liberals were heard to thank God for the House of Lords; and the opinion of the country, which it was shrewdly surmised had been voiced by the Upper Chamber, was not asked.

Political events subsequent to this are too recent to require recapitulation here. The power of the House of Lords has been mutilated, and we are now told by Sir Edward Grey that whether we like Home Rule or not we "have to have it." He appears to be very sure; perhaps he had better "wait and see."

Certain politicians appear to have forgotten that the House of Lords was abolished once before, and very shortly thereafter the House of Commons also; that a King himself was abolished in a somewhat summary manner, and Great Britain and Ireland governed under the military despotism of Oliver Cromwell. What kind of a "Rule" did Ireland get then? A rule so rigorous that till this day the deepest malediction an Irishman can call down upon the head of his enemy is "the curse of Cromwell on ye"; a rule that parcelled out Munster and Leinster amongst armed British colonists—as had already been done in Ulster under James the First—and determined to make Connaught into a second Wales by driving the Irish race across the Shannon. The justification of this relentless severity was the Irish St. Bartholomew, the massacre of 1641.

TAME GAME.

Indiscreet revelations were made recently regarding the way in which one of the Kaiser's intimates, Prince Egon von Fürstenberg, provided his imperial guest with game when he went hunting.

For months before the expected visit, it was declared, the Prince had dozens of foxes secured in cages and fed with delicacies until the animals became so tame that on the day of the hunt they would run up to the imperial gun in the most obliging manner to be killed. The "Kladderadatsch," the German comic paper, referring to the revelations, goes one better. It says:

"We are in a position to state further that the foxes were so cleverly trained by Count Egon that at every shot from the Kaiser's gun they fell flat on the ground and pretended to be stone dead. They even allowed themselves to be carried to the castle and lay quietly until they had been counted and photographed as evidence of the Kaiser's prowess."

"Only when the Kaiser had departed did they get up and run away. There are said to be veteran foxes at Donaueschingen (the Prince's domain) which have gone through the performance fifty times."

PACIFIC CABLE BROKEN.

The Pacific cable of the Commercial Cable Company was recently broken beyond Midway Island and communication stopped. The break occurred in the 2,600 mile length between the islands of Midway and Guam, the longest section operated by the company, and was due it was thought to chafing on the sea bottom, which is full of reefs.

The Pacific cable, opened in 1902 and now 8,101 miles long, is the only direct route between the United States and the Philippines, China, and Japan, and until repairs are successful messages will have to be sent around the world via the five Atlantic cables. It is believed that the company's steamship Restorer has sailed from Victoria, British Columbia, and will attempt to locate the break by electric measurements and grapple the cable to the surface. It will then be known whether the outlay of \$10,000,000 for a new cable will be necessary.

WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

A CONCISE REVIEW.

France.

M. Vadrines, the airman, contested the Parliamentary vacancy at Limoux as an Independent National Socialist, but was defeated by the official candidate of the Socialist Radical Party; rioting on the part of the airman's supporters followed the declaration of the poll. M. Vedrines intends to stand for Limoux again at the next vacancy.

M. Lepine, Prefect of the Paris Police, has become a member of the French Institute by virtue of his election to fill the vacancy in the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences caused by the death of M. Ernest Lefebvre.

An ex-lieutenant of the French Army has offered £20,000 to the anti-militarist Herve, who is now undergoing a term of several years imprisonment, in order to facilitate the revolutionary propaganda carried on in "La Guerre Sociale."

M. Eiffel, the architect of the Tower which bears his name, presided recently over a series of experiments for testing the resistance of aeroplanes to the wind in his laboratory at Auteuil. A model aeroplane on an accurately reduced scale was exposed to a current of wind the force of which could be raised to the strength of a gale, and a mathematical statement of the resistance of the model or of its several parts was obtained. A small group of persons interested in aviation followed M. Eiffel's experiments with close attention.

Marcelle, a small station not far from Amiens, was the scene of a brutal murder the other morning, when a signalman was killed and a safe containing about 1,000l. (£40) was rifled. The crime was discovered by the driver of a goods train, who found the signal against him. After a long wait he went to see what was the matter. The body of the signalman was found a short distance from the signal-box.

Last autumn M. Sarjano, a former Mayor of Montauban, in Haute Garonne, died in a lunatic asylum, leaving a will bequeathing his entire fortune, amounting to some £120,000, to the King of Spain. His relatives are contesting the will. King Alfonso has instructed his solicitor to obtain an inventory of the property and to take the other necessary legal steps.

Germany.

The Emperor William fulfilled recently an engagement which he made some time ago to dine with M. Jules Cambon, the French Ambassador in Berlin, and Mme. Jules Cambon. The invited guests included the Imperial Chancellor, the Foreign Secretary, and the Chief of the General Staff. After dinner Mlle. Jennie Provost and other players who have come from Paris gave Alfred de Musset's "Un Caprice."

It is announced that the German naval authorities are about to offer prizes for the construction of hydro-aeroplanes.

The young German airman Gustav Witte has been killed on the aerodrome at Teltow. He had successfully made three rounds on a Wright biplane when a sudden gust of wind caused the machine to tilt over and fall to the ground from a height of 60 metres. Witte was killed on the spot.

Judgment has been delivered in the Gisbert Wolf-Metternich case. The Count was acquitted of the charge of card sharpening, but was found guilty of fraud in one instance and sentenced to a week's imprisonment, which is reckoned as served owing to the time which the accused spent in custody awaiting trial. The fraud related to a loan of money which the Count had obtained from a waiter. The accused Buics was sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment for fraud on several counts, including card-sharpening. Count Gisbert Wolf-Metternich and a Rumanian named Buics were charged at Berlin in February with swindling at cards and attempted fraud. Buics, in particular, was charged with manipulating cards in a game with a young Hussar officer and winning £4,000.

Mons. which won the prize of \$10,000 (£2,000) offered by the directors of the Metropolitan

Opera House for the best opera written by an American, was performed for the first time recently at that Opera House. The music is by Professor Horatio W. Parker, of Yale University, and the libretto by Mr. Brian Hooker. There are some highly dramatic passages and throughout the orchestration is rich and varied. From the point of view of melody there is little to take hold of, and this, together with the repellent serious character of work, may interfere with its permanent success.

The Excise and Income-Tax Bill introduced by the Democrats has been passed unamended by the House of Representatives by 240 votes to 41, many Republicans voting for the measure.

The new battleships Oklahoma and Nevada will be the last word in American naval construction. They will be equipped to burn oil, will displace 27,500 tons, and are to steam twenty knots on trial. Their battery will consist of ten 14in. guns, mounted in four turrets, so disposed that all the guns can be fired on either broadside. They will only have one funnel each.

Argentina.

A notable figure has passed away in the person of Dr. Jose Paz, the proprietor of the great Buenos Aires daily "La Prensa," who died at his villa of Miraflores, Monte Carlo. "La Prensa," which appeared as a modest newspaper of four pages in 1865, is to-day one of the greatest journals in the world. It appears with some forty to fifty pages daily, and its advertisements are reputed to bring in \$480,000 a year. Dr. Paz, who was sixty-four years old, leaves a fortune of \$4,000,000.

Italy.

On coming out of his office at Genoa with a portfolio containing valuable securities a well-known banker was attacked by two young men, who shot him dead. Three workgirls who were passing at the time tried to summon assistance, whereupon the men opened fire, wounding one of the girls in the face. The murderers then escaped with the banker's portfolio and no trace of them has been discovered.

Prince Victor Napoleon, the Bonapartist Pretender to the French throne, whose wife, formerly Princess Clementine of Belgium, is expecting the birth of her first child, is particularly anxious that the birth should take place on French soil. As the Princess cannot be moved, sacks of earth have, it is said, been taken from France to Brussels, and the earth will be spread in the princess's room.

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THE HATED WORD COMPULSION.

For the second time within a few weeks a telegram from Australia states that a Socialist has been fined £100 for refusing to allow his son to undergo the necessary drill called for by the Australian Defence Act. This is another reminder of the fact that Britons of some of the overseas Dominions, are, in many ways, ahead of Britons at Home. For one thing, they face facts bravely and do not fear words. The average Briton at Home, for instance, dreads the word compulsion. Directly he sees the term he kicks vigorously. One of the reasons for the unpopularity of the Insurance Act was that it compelled working men to insure themselves, whereas previously they had decided for or against insurance for themselves. They forgot, as most Britishers forget, that the British people, like every civilised people, are bound by statute; compelled to do this, compelled not to do that, and with certain penalties attached to breaches of the law.

There is an instinct of personal freedom, of course, which must never be lost. But there is all the difference in the world between the freedom of the individual and the freedom of the nation. It should not be, but it is, necessary to say that the freedom of the individual must always be sacrificed in favour of the freedom of the nation. In order to secure the complete freedom of the nation men pay taxes; not too readily, perhaps, but at least with a sense that the service is necessary to the continued existence of the State. If the State can compel the taxpayer to part with some of his money, why should it not, if it is recognised as really necessary, compel him to give some of his spare time in personal service—in training himself to fight for his country? It would be more pleasing, to be sure, if the service were voluntary, but the fact must be faced that voluntarism in Britain is not a sufficient success. The Territorial Force is not, and gives no signs of being, as strong as is necessary to ensure national safety.

The suggestion that every man able to fight for his country should spend part of his spare time learning to do so comes as a shock to many people. But the men of the Australia fear neither the word compulsion nor the thing itself. There is the true democracy, and being true democrats they recognise the need for every man helping to ensure the safety of the nation against external aggression. They inherit from the Mother Country the instinct of personal freedom, but they recognise also that the safety of the State is, and must always be, of greater importance than the freedom of the individual. That is the truest democracy and the truest freedom.

DAY BY DAY.

Wisdom walks before time, opportunity with it, and repentance behind it.

To-day's Paper.

The story of a free fight at Kowloon between Chinese and Japanese yesterday, in which nine Chinese and one Japanese were injured is told on this page. On the same page appears the statement of the Chief Justice regarding the Yik Lung Bank case. On page 1 will be found the latest telegrams dealing with the Titanic disaster. On page 3 appear the news of the world interestingly set forth.

Assize Calendar.

The calendar for the Assizes which has been postponed till Monday is as follows:—E. B. Ayris, embezzlement; F. L. Pickard, Forgery; Leung Yun, disobeying a banishment order; Li Fat, Lei Ki, and Wong Chan (jointly charged), armed robbery; Abdul Rashid, a chauffeur, manslaughter.

Boil the Water.

At the recent opening of the new Singapore Water Works the Governor smilingly advised his hearers to continue giving their guests boiled water, despite the apparent excellence of the new supply. The advice, we fancy, says the "Straits Times," will be more earnestly taken to heart when it is mentioned that on the 7th of this month, hardly a fortnight after the opening, the body of a Chinaman was found in the Kallang Reservoir. The cause of the man's death appeared to have been smallpox.

Abor Expedition.

Accompanying the Abor Expeditionary force were two Tibetans who claim to have explored the country from the other side, coming down the course of the Dehong river, like Kintlu. According to these men there is undoubtedly a water-fall of considerable height at the spot which is usually marked "supposed falls." Besides the fall, however, there is said to be a huge lake out of which two rivers run. How far the information of these explorers may be correct it is difficult to say, but the geographical problems of the Abor country certainly seem worth solving once and for all.

The Hammer Thrower.

A Singaporean, now at home, says he hears a good story of a suffragette who threw a hammer through the window of one of the big West End stores. The managing lady of the establishment saw the act and promptly attacked the hammer thrower, says the "Straits Times." The battle was conducted with much elan. The suffragette's hat was torn off, her hair pulled down, her face scratched and generally woman-handled, and the victor retired much elated. The suffragette wanted to prefer a charge of assault, but all the police were so busy protecting property that none of them would see what had occurred, and they confined themselves to gravely taking notes with much deliberation, and nothing happened. "Si non, e vero e ben trovato," says our correspondent.

The Great Raymond.

The "Siam Observer" in a recent issue was not sparing in its praise of the great Raymond. It says:—Should the Great Raymond ever transgress the law of Siam and not vanish into thin air after doing so, the police force will find it difficult to keep him in goal. When an entire change of programme was presented at the Pramotai Theatre Raymond was loaded down with every variety of manacle possessed by the police authorities. A number of Police Officers and a committee from the audience went on the stage and for half an hour looked Raymond in handcuffs, ankle irons, waist chains, and every other contrivance which the ingenuity of man has invented to restrain the criminal. Except for his smiling face Raymond was almost hidden to view by his bonds. Then Raymond staggered into his cabinet and in seven minutes every chain that bound him was thrown on the stage and the magician emerged free. It was a wonderful performance and Raymond richly deserved the continued applause which greeted him.

Warships Expected.

H.M.S. Astron is expected in port this evening and H.M.S. Defence to-morrow afternoon.

Rajah of Sarawak.

His Highness, the Rajah of Sarawak postponed his departure from Europe for a fortnight and did not sail until April 7 from Marseilles.

The Unlicensed Boatman.

For plying for hire in the harbour without having the necessary licence a boatman was fined ten dollars at the Marine Court this morning by the Harbour Master, Commander O. W. Beckwith.

Too Many Passengers.

Two boatmen were charged at the Marine Court this morning before Commander Beckwith with carrying six passengers in one case and seventeen in the other in excess of the numbers allowed by their licences. They were each fined \$5.

Offending Boatwomen.

At the Marine Court this morning Commander Beckwith had before him boatwomen who were charged with not having two males on board their boats in the harbour on April 17, they were each fined two dollars.

PECULIAR LITIGATION.

His Lordship's Statement.

In the Supreme Court this morning the Chief Justice made his expected statement in connection with the Yik Lung Bank case from the hearing of which he retired yesterday morning after lengthy consultations with counsel on both sides.

His Lordship said:—The filing of the amendment of the defence raised a very serious question which did not appear to me in the case, and raised the whole question that had been tried at least three times and therefore makes it quite impossible for me to go on with the case. Proper arrangements have been made for the case to be heard next Monday, *de novo*.

BISHOP MIGHT BE SHOCKED.

Since the arranged visit of three Anglican bishops to Russia the following story is interesting:—

Bishop Teveloy will doubtless kiss the Anglican bishops with great cordiality when he welcomes them; but, as he speaks no language but Russian, intercourse between them will of necessity be limited. This is just as well; for the English ecclesiastics would be rather amazed if their Orthodox friend gave them "an account of the state of affairs" in his diocese. In 1875 the Russian Government decided that the peasants of Chelme, who were Catholics should become Orthodox. Conversations were effected by Cossacks in the face of great opposition and with the aid of nagaiaks. Hundreds of recalcitrant peasants were imprisoned; the most obstinate were sent to Siberia and a few were shot. After considerable trouble the inhabitants of the district were registered as Orthodox, their clergy driven away, and Orthodox priests installed in the parish churches. The converted peasants, however, refused to enter the churches or to benefit by the ministrations of their new pastors. Until 1905 they kept up a religious strike. In that year the Tsar granted his subjects religious freedom, and the Cossacks' Polish converts lapsed into the fold of their native Catholicism. The unhappy Teveloy found his nominal flock diminished by a hundred thousand souls. Under the new scheme of Russification he hopes to get some of them back.

The latest reports show less than one hundred miles of railroad in Persia.

Manchuria oats American crackers in large numbers.

The Arctic tern flies 22,000 miles on its summer vacation.

In one year the Island of Cuba will have telephones from one end to the other.

The whites of the eyes may be seen at a distance of 35 to 90 feet.

PHILIPPINE EXTRADITION.

Alleged Political Jobbery.

In the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice Sir Francis Piggott and Mr. Justice Gompertz, Mr. M. W. Slade, J.C. instructed by Mr. W. B. Hind, made a Habeas Corpus application, in connection with the case of the Filipino journalist Vicente Sotto whose extradition has been applied for by the Philippine Government.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster appeared for the Crown instructed by Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor.

The action arises out of a charge of abduction which was made against Sotto in the Philippine Islands some six years ago. He was then alleged to have persuaded a girl aged seventeen years to leave her mother and live with him, he being a married man. Though the girl went voluntarily it became an offence under American law, and on being tried he was sentenced to a term of imprisonment, and ordered to pay a sum of money as compensation to the mother. Sotto appealed to the Higher Court and while waiting the result he was allowed out on bail, which however he broke and made off to Hongkong. The case was heard on appeal, in his absence, and while the conviction was confirmed the court made some reduction in the term of imprisonment to which he had been sentenced. Recently the Government of the Philippines asked for the extradition of Sotto and after hearings at the Police Court, Mr. E. A. Irving made the order deporting the prisoner to Manila to undergo his sentence there.

Not Made in Good Faith.

Mr. Slade supporting the application pointed out that the matter so far as his client was concerned had assumed a political nature. The applicant was a journalist and had written articles condemning the authorities in the Philippines. He had been charged with sedition twenty-three times and convicted only once. Although Sotto had been in Hongkong since 1906 and although his address had been known no action had been taken against him even though he had jumped his bail. He made no secret of his whereabouts in Hongkong and could be found at any moment. Nothing however was done in the matter until the presidential elections commenced to draw near. Articles condemning the American administration in the Philippine Islands appeared and were made use of against the present people in power. Then, and not till then, was an application for extradition made on a six year old crime. He submitted that the inference was irresistible, that the extradition was demanded, not from a desire to punish him for the crime of which he had been convicted, but to punish him for the articles he had commenced to publish criticising the present administration.

Mr. Justice Gompertz:—It comes to this; the application is not made in good faith nor in the interests of justice?

Mr. Slade:—No. It is made for the purpose of punishing him for a political offence.

Another Point.

The second point raised was that the Magistrate had no power of the court to order extradition in this case. The power of the court to order extradition depended upon, primarily the Extradition Act of the Imperial Parliament and the act would refer to the subjects of any country, dependent upon there being in existence an order in council putting the act in force regarding that country. The order in council depended in turn on a treaty between the two countries. It would be a matter of judicial knowledge that in 1842 the Philippines were no part of America, and in 1890 they had nothing to do with America. At the time they were Spanish territory and consequently the Extradition Act, the Order in Council, and the treaty, if any in order to affect the Philippines would be with Spain, and the only question that arose was whether the treaty with America covered the Philippines. The application

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Time of the Court.

A reporter who spends a deal of time at the Magistracy writes:—Would it not be advisable to arrange the charge list at the Magistracy, so that cases in which prisoners who plead guilty could be tried first and in rotation according to the time of arrest? This method would put an end to much waiting by witnesses concerned in disputed cases, as they could be ordered to attend the Court at a fixed time. The Magistrates could work rapidly through the "guilty" cases and leave themselves with all the afternoon and, say, two hours previous to tiffin to deal with the others. It is quite a common occurrence at present to find lawyers attending the courts early in the morning to make application for cases to be adjourned for a few hours. The first two hours could be very advantageously devoted to cases uncontested.

A Notable Figure.

There is just a fear that amongst those lost in the Titanic disaster is Mr. W. T. Stead. If this should prove to be so, one of the most notable figures in British journalism will have been removed. What a picture he could have given of the disaster—and may yet give, who knows?—for, whatever his opinions, Stead could write. He had a way of putting a deal of truth in a word or two. Not so long ago he visited a theatre for the first time, and we remember how he described Mr. Jerome's "K. Jerome's play, 'The Passing of the Third Floor Back'" as good because it "provokes discussion by the challenging way in which it asserts a much-ignored truth; that you can get more good out of men by accepting them at their own valuation and expecting them to live up to it than by criticising them." He should have known what he was talking about there, for few men took him at his own value and most men criticised him. He was a remarkable man—a peace-lover who was as pugnacious as they make them, and a journalist who interviewed nearly every monarch who was worth interviewing.

Unusual and Sensible.

Should a lecturer stand or sit during the delivery of his lecture? The custom in British universities is for the professor to stand; in France he usually sits. Public lecturers in London have hitherto stood; but Mr. A. O. Benson, the author of so many thoughtful, erudite, and fluent essays, introduced a new custom in his lecture at the Royal Literature Society. Although he has a robust, almost military appearance, he stated that he found it more clear and convenient to lecture in a sitting position; and what was clear and convenient for the speaker would be clear and convenient for the hearers.

Fighting the Mosquito.

The latest orders contain the following:—"With reference to A.S.O. No. 273 of 1st instant, the soldiers who have been detailed by the several Units concerned to be trained in mosquito destruction will attend at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 29 to May 3, at 10.45 a.m. The course consists of four attendances, (lectures and practical demonstrations). Those detailed must attend for the whole period. Upon completion of the course the O.O. of Units concerned will see that their men maintain a thorough surveillance of their barracks and surroundings, and either effectually destroy any larvae discovered, or if the circumstances are of sufficient importance, report such circumstances to the C.O. The Garrison Sergeant Major will exercise a general supervision over the work, and will co-ordinate the action of the men employed." Touching this, it is worth noting that the "Straits Times" of April 12 reports that the process of clearing obnoxious growths from the areas in which the malaria crusade is being carried on had to be helped along by a prosecution in the senior magistrate's court at Singapore where a man was summoned for allowing land to be overgrown with rank and noxious vegetation.

WHAT WILL THE MAN BE?

A Magisterial Query.

At the Magistracy this morning a boy was charged with assaulting a woman, and his character brought forth a striking query from the Magistrate.

It appears from the charge preferred that the boy struck the female defendant with an iron bar. The boy said he was playing about and ran into the woman. The Magistrate said that if the lad went about hitting women with iron bars at the age of sixteen what would he do when he was older? He ordered the defendant to receive six strokes of the birch and to be detained for forty-eight hours.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.

The Prize Winners.

The winners of the two prizes offered for the best photographs submitted in the "Hongkong Telegraph" competition for March are as follows:—

First prize—Mr. and Mrs. Weston.
Second prize—Mr. M. Kimi-yaki.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE SPORTS.

A Most Successful Event.

The annual sports in connection with St. Stephen's College were held on the Racecourse to-day in most delightful weather. There was a good attendance, entries were numerous, and capital sport was witnessed. The officials were:—

President. The Ven. the Archbishop of Hongkong; Judges: R. W. Barney Esq., Rev. W. H. Hewitt, M. C. Clara Esq., H. W. Turnbull Esq., Ng Tin Po Esq., Te O See Hon Esq.; Li Chi Chi, Esq.; Committee: Lum Fuk, Ng Sze Yuen, Chau Hoi Nin, Leung Po Tsun, Mon Hing Q, Ho Nai Chak, Ho Nai Pai, Ng Sze Kwong; Starters: Rev. C. B. Shann, G. A. Hancock Esq., Wei Wing Hon Esq., Wei Wing Lock Esq., Fung Man Sui Esq.; Treasurer, C. Gerken Esq.; Hon. Secretary, Lam Fuk; Assistant Secy, R. W. Barney Esq., Ng Sze Yuen Esq.

The Committee tender their thanks to the following gentlemen who have kindly subscribed to the prize fund:—

Li Cho Chi, Kwok Sin Lau, Man Chiu Yuen, Yip Kai Tak, Liang Yu Ho, Wong Wing Tak, Hung Kwai Sau, Lam Fuk, Lai Kwai Pui, Chan Sui Ki, Chan Cheuk Fan, Mok Wing Yue, Ue Wan, Chiu Ju Tin, Yeung Hin Fui, Leung Hui Cho, Mok Chiu Chuen.

The results up to the time of going to press were as follows:—

Senior Cup, 120 yards; 1st heat: 1, Lo Ping Chan 7; Hoi Nai Pui 6; 3, Ng Hon Ting.

2nd heat: 1, Ng Shiu Chan 10; 2, Lam Fuk 10; 3, Lo Ping Chau 7.

Final:—Lau Kai Chuk; 2, Ho Nai Pui; 3, Ng Shiu Chan.

Junior Cup 100 yards; 1st heat: 1, Chan Choung Nin 3; 2, Chan Hoi Nin, scratch; 3, Su Chung Fu 6.

Heat 2: 1, Chiu Kwok Tung 10; 2, Ng Sze Ho, 12; 3, Leung Po Tsun, 7.

Final:—1, Chiu Kwok Tung, 2, Ng Sze Ho; 3, Leung Po Tsun.

Championship of the College 100 yards:—1, Lau Kai Chuk, 2, Wong Po Kel, 3, Hung Wing Yuen.

100 yards (Boys under fourteen):—1, Tani Hak Hon scratch; 2, Leung Po Ping 2; 3, See Chong Pan 6.

Senior Cup 220 yards:—1, Ng Shiu Chan 50 yards; 2, Lau Kai Chuk 20 yards; 3, Ng Sze Kwong 25 yards.

High Jump, Juniors:—1, Chan Choung-ming and Ng Sze-chung, a tie.

High Jump Seniors:—1, Ho Wing-lee; 2, Fok Wing-kwan.

At the conclusion of the programme Mrs. Hewitt, wife of the Rev. Mr. Hewitt distributed the prizes.

APPOINTMENTS.

Official Announcement To-day.

The following appears in a Government Gazette Extraordinary published this afternoon:—

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to grant to His Honour Sir Francis Taylor Piggott, Kt., vacation leave of absence from 22nd to 30th April.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Mr. William Rees Davies, K.C., to act as Chief Justice during the absence on leave of His Honour Sir Francis Taylor Piggott, Kt., from April 22nd to 30th.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Mr. Chalmers Grenville Alabaster to act as Attorney General in the place of the Hon. Mr. William Rees Davies, K.C., until further notice, with effect from the 22nd April.

TOO FEW NEW SHIPS.

Striking Criticism of the Navy Estimates.

A striking criticism of the Navy Estimates for 1912-13, just published, was made to one of our representatives by Mr. Carlyon Bellairs, the well-known naval authority, says the "Evening Standard."

Mr. Bellairs thinks the increase in personnel, Dreadnoughts, and cruisers quite insufficient, in view of the naval activities of other Powers.

Even allowing for the increase of the Royal Fleet Reserve, begun Mr. Bellairs, the increase in the personnel of 2,000 men seems quite inadequate. I do not think any naval officer, looking to the trend of modern war, and the necessity for swift mobilisation, opposed by Germany's increase of her active fleet, would consider an increase of only 2,000 anywhere near the requirements of the case. We were led to believe by published forecasts that the increase would be about 5,000, and I think there must have been some eleventh hour readjustments. As regards the destroyers, I am glad the Admiralty has recognized the justness of criticisms which have been made of the necessity of laying down destroyers at once. It shows that their critics were right, and they were wrong. The eight cruisers prove that Lord Charles Beresford and those who throughout the 1906-09 Parliament contended for more were perfectly right in their appeal. Here we suddenly jump to eight. It would be far better for the country, instead of the spasmodic jumps, to lay down regularly a certain number of cruisers, which would be of great assistance to Admiralty in future, as we should not have a large number of obsolete at the same time. Owing to past inadequate building programmes, we always have to make up by extravagant building in future instead of having a settled and regular programme. The same remark applies to Dreadnoughts. I think the programme of four Dreadnoughts is quite inadequate. If you look back you will find that the Government secured a good deal of support, which I do not think ought to have gone to them, from Unionist papers and from critics who were trying to get a strong Navy.

The German Case

They got this support on the ground that Germany would reduce her programme of 1912, and then we would make up the leeway with a battleship programme of at least six Dreadnoughts. And all the time they were contending, these critics, that we had such a naval superiority as we had never possessed before. Now what is the upshot? Day by day the Little Navy Press point to the fact that for several years past we have been building on a proportion of five to four, and that this gives us an immense superiority. I defy anyone looking back to the past history of this country to say that we were so nearly dependent then as we are now on the Navy, and to find a period from 1778 to 1850 in which we did not build on a proportion of two to one against the next strongest naval Power. If you allow for the fact of sending three Dreadnought era ships to the Far East, according to our agreement with the Dominions, under this new programme of four ships we shall only have 34 Dreadnought era ships for Home waters and the Mediterranean in the spring of 1915, against 23 for Germany assuming she lays down only two ships this year. That is a superiority of 47 per cent., and makes no allowance for the intervention of other members of the Triple Alliance. There is a number of facts to be considered in debates on the Navy Estimates. There is the fact that the idea that we can balance pre-Dreadnoughts against Dreadnoughts is not entirely exploded. In any case, however, the pre-Dreadnought argument is not likely to come up, as it so happens that the Triple Alliance is stronger in pre-Dreadnoughts than we are.

Following German Design. We have also got to remember that the controversy about the

secondary argument has been settled in favour of the German design, as the Government has now re-adopted 6-inch guns, following the plan adopted in all the German Dreadnoughts. Practically, this amounts to an acknowledgment that the German design was "better than our own." What I protest against so strongly is that we have got into the way of criticising not on the merits of the case, but of being satisfied if the Government refuses merely to yield to the demands of the Little Navy men. I wish the Opposition would treat the Navy Estimates in the same way as they treat a Home Rule Bill or an Insurance Bill, and have committees to consider them in detail solely on their merits, absolutely refusing to be satisfied with any standard which gives us any margin of safety other than that of our historical past. There is one last point I would like to make," added Mr. Bellairs. "The Navy has now thrust upon it a demand no admiral dreamed of meeting in the past. It has not only got to safeguard the Empire and her trade, but it has immediately on the outbreak of war to devote its energies to safeguarding the passage of an expeditionary force of 150,000 men. I do not hesitate to say that the task is one of such tremendous difficulty that it can only be achieved by an overwhelming naval supremacy."

SULTAN OF SELANGOR.

Interesting Investiture at Klang.

A correspondent of the "Singapore Free Press," writing on April 11, says:—

His Excellency the High Commissioner, Sir Arthur Young, yesterday at Klang invested His Highness the Sultan of Selangor with the insignia of the Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

There was a large and representative gathering of officials, of planters, and of representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Chinese, who were represented by a deputation. There were many ladies present.

A Guard of Honour of the Malay States Guides, eighty in number, received His Excellency with a salute and were afterwards inspected.

At the ceremony of investiture, Mr. Hayes Marriott, Private Secretary, read the warrant.

The High Commissioner made a speech expressing his pleasure at the object of his journey and enjoining the Sultan. He then invested His Highness with the collar and badge.

The Sultan replied, and subsequently the healths of the Sultan and of the High Commissioner were drunk.

A group photograph of the assembly was taken.

Sir Arthur Young left for Singapore in the afternoon.

His Highness the Sultan afterwards installed several chiefs and was presented with a banner and address by the Chinese, to whom His Highness graciously replied.

WATCH HER AT DINNER.

Guessing a Woman's Age

A Parisian gourmet thinks he has discovered an infallible method for getting at a woman's age. Watch her at dinner.

If she goes through every course, chatting all the time, and is equal to an ice after desert, not to mention chocolates and crystallized fruits, she is still in her teens.

If she makes a good start with the hors d'oeuvres, does well with the caviare, salmon and such delicacies, but shows no interest in the rest of the meal, she is between 20 and 30, and married.

When she declines every other kind of game, but takes some pleasant, she has passed 30, but has not yet reached 35.

After 35 she does not on every kind of game, the more highly flavoured the better.

If at the end of dinner she takes cheese, showing special partiality for the Parisian observer, there can be no manner of doubt about it, she is a lady of uncertain age.

FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Princess Dies in Workhouse.

There has recently died in the workhouse of the Danish island of Ryesgade "Margaret, Princess of Araucania and Patagonia". The "Almanach de Gotha" does not recognise her title or her late father's kingdom. He was Antoine Tounens, a lawyer, and the son of a Gascon butcher. In 1861, with a handful of followers, he persuaded the people of Araucania to accept him as ruler, adopted the style of King Orelie Antoine I., and began to develop his kingdom in fine style. The Chilean Government sent an army against him, subdued his kingdom, and confined His Majesty to prison, from which it needed French intervention to release him. He died in 1878 in great poverty, and his daughter has had a like hapless fate. The modern world is too disciplined for the heroic swashbuckler who was happy in the spacious days of Elizabeth.

An Insult to the British Flag.

Any question of an insult to the British flag at Sulina rouses memories of old days when much wider claims were put forward as to the degree of respect which was due to English ships. According to the common law, the King of England claimed an absolute sovereignty over all the seas surrounding the British Isles, and that sovereignty was traditionally respected by all foreign vessels. When they met with one of the King's ships within the narrow seas they were expected to strike their topsails and lower their flags in acknowledgment of the supremacy claimed.

It is related that when Philip of Spain was on his way to England to marry Queen Mary he sailed into Plymouth Sound with his own Royal ensign flying. He was promptly hailed by Admiral Sir John Hawkins and ordered to strike his flag, and on no notice being taken of the command a shot was fired into the Spanish vessel which brought the offending topmast down with a run. The King of Denmark, when returning home from a visit to King James I., was met by an English captain at the mouth of the Thames and compelled to haul down his flag. Even as late as 1805 it was prominently enjoined in the Admiralty regulations that the salute was to be strictly observed by all foreign vessels met within the British seas, and if any refused to comply "the captains and flag officers of His Majesty's ships" were ordered "to use their best endeavours to compel them thereto" and not to suffer any slight to the King's flag.

DON'T FORGET.

To-day.

Annual Meeting Hongkong Tennis League, 5.15 p.m.

The Count of Luxembourg Bandmann Opera Co. Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Bijou Theatre 9.15 p.m.

Saturday, April 20.

V. R. C. Sports.

Volunteer Reserves Dinner.

Hongkong Football Club, Annual Dinner, Hongkong Hotel, 7.45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23.

Ordinary Annual Meeting.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., noon.

Annual General meeting China Traders' Insurance Company, Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

Saturday, April 27.

The Great Raymond at the Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Monday April 29.

Extraordinary General Meeting Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., noon.

Tuesday April 30.

Extraordinary General Meeting Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

Saturday May 4.

General Meeting of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., noon.

CHINESE AND JAPANESE FIGHT.

KNIVES AND SHOVELS USED.

Nine Chinese taken to Hospital.

As the result of a free fight yesterday, nine Chinese and one Japanese were removed to the hospital.

At the Magistracy this morning, the following story was told. About eleven o'clock yesterday morning the s.s. Tamon Maru was lying in Kowloon Bay, coal-ing. Coolies were busy shooting coal into the hold and everything appeared to be passing off with customary smoothness. This harmonious state of affairs did not last for long. There was a rift in the lute and a Chinese coal weigher and a Japanese tally clerk had an altercation. The high words caused a crowd of men of both nationalities to gather round, and eventually words were found a poor conveyance of the spirit of a authority and blows were exchanged. Neither of the parties could see the wisdom of allowing the two men to settle matters and sides were immediately taken. A free fight ensued and knives and shovels were brought into use with a determination and vigour that resulted in ten of the combatants being conveyed to the hospital to have their injuries treated.

The police put an end to matters very quickly, and as a result of their interference, two Japanese were brought before the Magistrate charged with cutting and wounding, and three of the nine Chinese were charged by the Japanese with assault.

Inspector Kerr, prosecuted, and Mr. Davidson represented the Japanese. Counsel for the defence asked for a remand as one of the men could not leave the hospital to give evidence until the 24th inst. He also applied for bail.

The remand was granted and the case fixed for hearing next Thursday. Bail was also granted; the Japanese in \$100 each, and the Chinese in \$25 each.

BILLIARDS.

R.E. "B" Team v. 87 Co. R.G.A.

The concluding games between these two teams in the Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament were played on Wednesday evening, resulting in the Engineers' team winning the Billiards by 259 points. This leaves the R.E. to play the Hongkong Volunteers in the final. The first game was between Gunner Bancroft R.G.A. and Corpl. Campion R.E. The Gunner won by 12, making breaks of 11 (twice), 20, 10, 14 and 13. The Engineer making 14 and 12. The second and last game of this round was between Sergt. Major Morgan R.E. and Gunner Bridgewater R.G.A., before a large number of spectators. S. M. Morgan won by 83, his best breaks were 30, 13, 17, 14, 20 and 20, the loser making 19, 10, 12 (twice), and 13.

Full scores:—

87 Coy. R. G. A.	
Gunner Slater	209
Gunner Quinn	250
Bomb. Masterman	220
Gunner Pitt	234
C. S. M. Tatton	144
Sergt. Heath	200
Gunner Bancroft	250
Gunner Bridgewater	164
1,671	

R. E. "B"	
Corpl. Carpenter	250
Staff Sergt. Giddy	192
Lieut. Aston	250
Captain Addison	250
Corpl. Regan	250
Sapper Morgan	250
Corpl. Campion	238
Sergt. Major Morgan	250
1,630	

To-day's Advertisements

HONGKONG CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB.

THE Club's Office will be held at 101, Ch. K. on SUNDAY, 21st inst. Ladies and Visitors' Races. Luncheon may be held before. Luncheon for Members and Friends will leave Blake Pier, 10.30 a.m. sharp. ALEX. F. STORIE, Hon. Secretary.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 24th April, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be stamined on the 24th April, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 26th April, 1912, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

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Hongkong, 17th April, 1912.

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MANILA	YUENSANG	Saturday, 20th April, 2 P.M.
CHINWANTAO	ONSANG	Monday, 22nd April, 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	KUTSANGI	Tuesday, 23rd April, Noon.
TIENSIN via WEI-HAIWEI	CHEONGSHING	Wednesday, 24th April, Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALOUTTA	NAMSANG	Saturday, 27th April, Noon.
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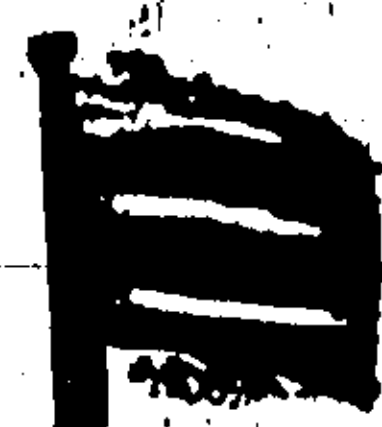
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Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ & PORT SAID ...	"ATSUTA MARU," Capt. J. Nagao, T. 9,000 "HITACHI MARU," Capt. T. Yamawaki, T. 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 24th April, Daylight. WEDNESDAY, 8th May, at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.O., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & YOKOHAMA	"JAWA MARU," Capt. R. Shimizu, T. 7,000 "SADO MARU," Capt. N. Teranaka, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 23rd April, at Noon. TUESDAY, 7th May, at Noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNESVILLE and BRISBANE	"YAWATA MARU," Capt. T. Seto, T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 10th May, Noon.
TAKOW (Formosa)	"KAGOSHIMA MARU," Capt. W. Wado, T. 5,000	FRIDAY, 19th April.
KOBE direct ...	"TENSIN MARU," Capt. T. Hori, T. 4,000	FRIDAY, 19th April.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	"TOSA MARU," Capt. T. Sato, T. 7,000	MONDAY, 29th April.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"CEYLON MARU," Capt. Y. Tozawa, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 24th April.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"KITANO MARU," Capt. F. E. Cope, T. 9,000	THURSDAY, 25th April.
"NASHI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"NIKKO MARU," Capt. M. Yagi, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 8th May, at Noon.

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ATSUTA MARU	9,000	J. Nagao	April 24th.
HITACHI MARU	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th.
MIYASAKI MARU	9,000	T. Mural	May 22nd.
KITANO MARU	9,000	F. E. Cope	June 5th.

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SADO MARU	7,000	K. Asakawa	May 7th.
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tominega	May 21st.

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For	STEAMERS	To
SHANGHAI	"HOIHOW"	19th April D'light.
HAIPHONG & HAIPHONG	"SUNKIANG"	19th " Noon.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	20th " M'night.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA & AUSTRALIAN PORTS	"CHANGSHA"	22nd 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	23rd 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	25th 4 P.M.
WEI-HAIWEI & TIENSIN	"HUICHOW"	26th 4 P.M.
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SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	27th " M'night.

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S.S. SACHSEN ... 6th May.

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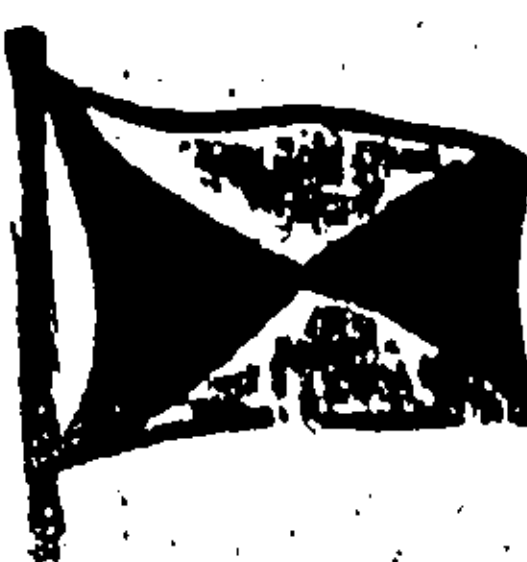
S.S. O. F. LAEISZ ... 12th May.

For Marseilles, Havre & Hamburg:

S.S. SITHONIA ... 30th May.

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S.S. ARCADIA ... 31st May.

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
ZAFIRO ...	4000	M. C. Smith	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	SATURDAY, 20th April, 4 P.M.
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Tilimahi ...	JAVA	...	SHANGHAI	1st half May
Tilmanok ...	JAPAN	...	JAVA	1st half May
Tilpanas ...	JAVA	...	JAPAN	1st half May
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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	21,000	W. W. Green	May 7th, Noon.
S.S. "Nippon Maru"	11,000	A. G. Stevens	May 28th, Noon.
S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	June 4th, Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	21,000	H. S. Smith	June 25th, Noon.

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screw. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office. The triple screw steamer "Chiyo Maru" will be despatched for San Francisco via KEELING, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, SHIMIDZU, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 7th May, at Noon.

The steamer "Nippon Maru" will be despatched for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Tuesday, 28th May, at Noon.

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Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing
Hongkong Maru	11,000	Friday, June 7, Noon
Kiyo Maru	17,500	Saturday, Aug. 6, Noon
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TELEGRAPH."

LOG BOOK.

The Panama Canal.

Probably the largest user of the Panama Canal when completed will be the American Hawaiian Steamship Company, which now has eighteen ships plying to the Hawaiian Islands and ports on the Pacific Coast. The company also has five ships in course of construction. It probably will have one ship going through the canal about every three days. In view of this fact, the opinion of its treasurer, Mr. E. D. Douglas, is important. He said: "The saving to vessels plying between the eastern and western coasts of the United States is obviously greater by using the canal than to vessels from foreign ports. The reduction in freight rates on goods so transported in American vessels should be greater than on goods shipped, for instance, from European countries. The canal was primarily constructed because of its military necessity, and it is not expected that commercial vessels availing of it will pay the cost of operation or interest on the original expenditure. It does seem reasonable, however, that commercial vessels using the canal should pay some toll for passing through. Should they be charged more than a fair toll the saving through its use would be offset and the commercial business of the canal restricted. The present proposed toll is \$1 a net registered ton. Any toll which may be charged is as much an operating expense of steamers as the cost of fuel and manning and insurance. As it will add to the cost of conducting the business, it will be reflected in the freight rates. The cost of the highest toll proposed will not be 75 cents a ton of cargo transported, which is no more than an ordinary lighterage charge, and as applied to American ships in coastwise trade this cost will be distributed among thousands of receivers of goods and the ultimate consumers in the ports of the country benefited. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty provides that the Canal shall be free and open to vessels of commerce of all nations on terms of entire equality. Should the United States avoid the apparent obligations of this treaty by a rebate to American ships they would lay themselves open to the charge by the nations of the world that the United States was by evasion circumventing the provisions of a solemn treaty. Such a course would be in marked contrast with the standard which this country maintains in its relations with others and it is not conceivable that it would be adopted."

Bangkok Dock Co.

A new steam launch, the Phet, was launched from the slips of the Bangkok Dock Company recently.

She is a trim craft 53 ft. long and 11 ft. beam, her draught being 4 ft. 6 in.

She has been built to the order of the Siam Steam Packet Co., and is destined for that company's passenger service on the Menam, running between Bangkok and Pakhal.

The order has only been in hand twelve weeks, and it is anticipated that the Phet will enter the service in a day or two. She has excellent accommodation for one hundred passengers. The launch is constructed of wood, and is about the twentieth craft of this kind built by the Bangkok Dock Company for the Siam Steam Packet Co.

This week a steel shallow draught launch, also built for the Siam Steam Packet Co., will enter the water. She is 52 ft. long by 8 ft. 6 in. beam, and on a draught of only 18 in. will carry 60 passengers.

It is also interesting to note that a steel shallow draught launch, nearly similar in dimensions to the previously mentioned vessel, is now being built to the order of Mr. Graham S. Sanderson, of Ayutthia. There is also under construction a steel motor launch, ordered by Luang Sakaket, of Chantaboon.

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Atlas	2nd class cruiser	4,360	10	7,000	Captain E. B. Kiddle	Shanghai
Bramble	Admiralty tug	615	—	1,400	—	Hongkong
Batomart	Gunboat	710	—	900	Com. B. G. Washington	Kiukiang
Cadmus	Gunboat	710	—	900	Lt. Com. J. M. Barker	Hankow
Cambrin	British sloop	1,070	—	1,400	Capt. H. Lynes	Hankow
Cherub	2nd class cruiser	4,360	10	7,000	Capt. J. E. Drummond	Hongkong
Clio	Water tank and tug	390	—	340	Master W. Smith	Hongkong
Fame	British sloop	1,070	—	1,400	Comdr. H. R. Voale	Canton
Flora	Torpedo-boat destroyer	340	6	5,700	Lt. Com. H. S. Monroe	Hongkong
Handy	2nd class cruiser	4,360	10	7,000	Capt. C. F. Corbett M.V.O.	Shanghai
Janus	Torpedo boat destroyer	295	6	4,000	Lt. Com. R. R. Rosoman	West River
Kent	Torpedo-boat destroyer	320	6	3,900	Lt. Comdr. Maxwell	Hongkong
Kinsbu	Armoured cruiser	22,000	14	22,000	Capt. Allen T. Hunt	Chingwantao
Morlin	River gunboat	616	—	1,200	Lt. Com. H. Murray	Hankow
Minotaur	Surveying ship	1,070	—	1,400	Capt. J. C. C. Pasco	Hongkong
Monmouth	Armoured cruiser	14,000	—	27,000	Capt. G. C. Cayley	Hongkong
Moorhoun	Armoured cruiser	9,800	—	22,000	Capt. L. E. Power M.V.O.	Hongkong
Newcastle	River gunboat	180	—	800	Lt. Comdr. G. P. Leith	West River
Nightingale	2nd class cruiser	4,800	—	22,000	Capt. G. P. E. Hunt D.S.O.	Hongkong
Otter	River gunboat	85	—	240	Lt. Comdr. M. Maray	Yangtze
Pegasus	Protected cruiser	385	6	6,300	Comdr. Lambie	Hongkong
Prometheus	Torpedo-boat	2,135	—	5,000	Comdr. F. H. Mitchell	Yangtze
Ribble	Protected cruiser	2,135	—	5,000	Comdr. P. H. Warleigh	Hongkong
Robin	T.B.D.	590	—	7,500	Lt. Com. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Hongkong
Rosario	River gunboat	85	—	240	Lt. Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Hongkong
Sandpiper	Despatch for Submarines	980	—	1,400	Lt. Com. E. J. J. Touthy	Hongkong
Snipe	River gunboat	85	—	240	Lt. Com. Maurice Leslie	Yangtze
Taku	Torpedo boat destroyer	205	—	6,000	Lt. Comdr. Brickenden	Hongkong
Tamar	Receiving ship	4,650	—	—	Comdr. Tyres	Hongkong
Teal	River gunboat	180	—	800	Com. Hon. Guy Stopford	Chungking
Thistle	River gunboat	710	—	900	Lt. Com. M. Baillie Hamilton	Hankow
Uak	T.B.D.	590	—	7,500	Lt. Comdr. B. W. Blunt	Shanghai
Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	300	6	6,300	Lt. Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Swatow
Waterwitch	Surveying ship	625	—	1,500	Lt. Com. R. L. Hancock	Hongkong
Welland	T.B.D.	590	—	57,000	Lt. Com. E. T. Chambers	Shanghai
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	360	—	5,900	Lt. Com. G. B. Hartford	Hongkong
Widgeon	Gunboat	155	—	800	Comdr. M. H. Wilding	Kiating
Woodcock	Gunboat	150	—	550	Lt. Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtze
Woodlark	Gunboat	150	—	550	Lt. Comdr. G. F. Mulock	Hankow

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AMERICAN.

Adder	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. M. Murray	Manila
Albany	Protected cruiser	3,130	17	7,900	Com. G. S. Williams	Yokohama
Bainbridge	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign E. S. Root	Manila
Barry	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	En. Robt. W. Cabanis	Manila
Callao	Gunboat	213	8	250	Ensign Stuart W. Calk	Canton
Challenger	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign L. N. McNair	Manila
Chatham	Protected cruiser	3,100	10	4,700	Com. John D. McDonald	Amoy
Cleveland	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Com. Hugh Rodman	Cavite
Dale	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	8	—	Ensign C. J. Fletcher	Manila
Decatur	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lt. Com. W. D. Brotherton	Yangtze
El Cano	Gunboat	1,397	18	1,800	Com. R. O. Bitter	Yangtze
Helena	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lt. J. W. Schoenfeld	Cavite
Juifos	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lt. C. A. Woodruff	—
Minidoro	Submarine	170	5	—	Ensign E. H. Whorter	Manila
Moccasin	Station ship	1,900	—	5,244	Ensign Robt. V. Lowe	Manila
Mohican	—	—	—	—	—	—
Monadnock	—	—	—	—	—	—
Monterey	Monitor	1,084	4	5,200	Com. H. A. Bispham	Cavite
New Orleans	Cruiser	3,430	25	—	Com. William G. Miller	Yokohama
Panpana	Gunboat	243	8	—	Lt. Comdr. George C. Pogram	Cavite
Porpoise	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign L. C. Van de Carr	Manila
Quinn	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lt. J. W. Schoenfeld	Cavite
Rainbow	Cruiser	6,206	14	—	Lt. Comdr. A. N. Mitchell	Cavite
Samar	Gunboat	242	8	250	Ensign N. H. Goss	Yangtze
Saratoga	Protected cruiser	8,150	25	7,075	Comdr. Joseph L. Jayne	Yokohama
Shark	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign Hedry M. Jensen	Manila
Villalobos	Gunboat	370	9	509	Lt. W. L. Friedell	Yangtze
Wilmington	Gunboat	1,397	20	1,894	Comdr. W. A. Edgar	Hongkong

Flagship of Rear-Adm. John Hubbard, Commander-in-Chief U.S. Asiatic Fleet.

GERMAN.

Emden	Cruiser	3,000	22	13,500	Capt. v. Heister	Tsingtau
Gneisenau	Armoured cruiser	11,000	36	26,000	Captain v. Ussler	Tsingtau
Ilia	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Varslow	Tsingtau
Leipzig	Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Behneke	Tsingtau
Luchs	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Bendemann	Tsingtau
Nurnburg	Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. Morsberger	Tsingtau
Otter	River gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Jantzen	Yangtze
Scharnhorst	Flagship	11,600	36	26,000	Capt. Kosing	Shanghai
S. 90	Torpedo-boat	400	8	6,500	Capt. Lut. Borrenborg	Tsingtau
Taku	Torpedo-boat	280	4	6,000	Obt. z. S. Claessen	Tsingtau
Tiger	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Lappe	Tsingtau
Tsingtau	River gunboat	223	4	1,300	Capt. Lut. Frhr. Fireks	Canton
Vaterland	River gunboat	223	4	500	Obt. z. S. Prinz	Shanghai

FRENCH.

Dupleix	Armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	—	Hongkong
Kleber	1st Class cruiser	9,700	12	19,600	—	Saigon
Decadee	Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lt. de L'Epieres	Saigon
Argus	River gunboat	180	6	570	Lt. de L'Epieres	Canton
Vigilante	Gunboat	123	7	500	Lt. Biscail	Canton
Peiho	Gunboat	130	—	—	Lt. Puech	Tongku
Esturgeon	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Combet	Saigon
Lynx	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Marrs	Saigon
Perle	Submarine	500	—	—	—	Saigon
Protee	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Morris	Saigon
Styx	Armoured gunboat	1,798	10	1,700	Lt. Seriot	Saigon
Frondo	Destroyer	350	7	303	—	Saigon
Ilbrillo	Destroyer	250	9	—	—	Saigon
Takou	Destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. Mortenol	Hongay
Pistolet	Destroyer	307	0	300	Lt. de le R. Keranderson	Saigon
Mousquet	Destroyer	—	—	—	—	Hongay
Vauban	Torpedo-depot	—	—	—	Lt. Bihel	Cap. St. Jacques
Veteran	Torpedo-depot	—	—	—	—	Saigon
Manoche	Surveying ship	1,925	10	9,000	Com. Ragot de Touche	Saigon

Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloche de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.

Flagship of Comodoro Boucaut, Commanding the local defence Indo-China.

PORTUGUESE.

Macao	Gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patria	Gunboat	700	—	—	Captain J. Milheiro	Macao

BUTCHER MEAT.

Hongkong, April 5, 1912.		Cts.
Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut, — Mei Lung Pa	lb. 20	20
" Corned, — Ham Ngau Yuk	" 20	20
" Roast, — Sain	" 20	20
" Breast, — Ngau Lam	" 16	16
" Soup, — Tong Yuk	" 15	15
" Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa	" 20	20
" do, — Sirloin Cotom, — Ngau Lau	" 30	30
" Sausages, — Ngau Chi ung	" 24	24
Bullock's Brains, — Know	per set 9	9
" Tongue fresh, — Ngau Li	each 45	45
" corned, — Ham Ngau Li	" 60	60
" Head, — Ngau Tan	" 6	6
" Heart, — Ngau Sum	" 12	12
" Pump, Salt, — Ngau Kin	" 18	18
" Feet, — Ngau Kask	" 9	9
" Kidneys, — Ngau Yiu	" 9	9
" Tail, — Ngau Mei	" 18	18
" Liver, — Ngau Kon	" 12	12
" Tripe (undressed), — Ngau To	" 6	6
Calvo Head & Feet, — Ngau-chai-tu-kark	set \$1	\$1
Mutton Chop, — Yeung Poi Kwat	lb. 22	22
" Leg, — Yeung Poi	" 22	22
" Shoulder, — Yeung Shau	" 20	20
Pigs Chittings, — Chu Chong	" 22	22
" Brains, — Chu Know	per set 24	24
" Feet, — Chu Kark	lb. 12	12
" Fry, — Chu Chak	" 25	25
" Head, — Chu Tau	" 15	15
" Heart, — Chu Sam	each 13	13
" Kidneys, — Chu Yiu	" 9	9
" Liver, — Chu Con	lb. 30	30
Pork, Chop, — Chu Pai Kwat	" 20	20
" Corned, — Ham Chu Yuk	" 24	24
" Leg, — Chu Poi	" 24	24
" Fat of Lard, — Chu Yau	" 15	15
Sheep Head and Feet, — Yeung Tai Kark	set 50	50
" Heart, — Yeung Sum	each 6	6
" Kidneys, — Yeung Yiu	" 1	1
" Liver, — Yeung Con	" 24	24
Smoking Pigs, To Order, — Chu Chai	" 22	22
Suet, Beef, — Sang Ngau Yau	" 22	22
" Mutton, — Sang Yeung Yau	" 20	20
Veal, — Ngau Chai Yuk	" 20	20
" Sausages, — Ngau Chai Chung	" 20	20

POULTRY.

Cts.	
Chicken, — Kai Chai	lb. 32
Capon, Large, Small, — Sin Kui	" 27
Ducks, — Ap	each 27
Doves, — Pan Kau	each 24
Eggs, Hen, — Kai Tan	per doz 24
Fowls, Canton, — Kai	lb. 35
" Hainan, — Hoi Nam Kai	" 32
Geese, — Ngai	" 27
Goose, Wild, — Shung-ho Yea Ngai	pair 70
Musk Deer, — Wong Kong	each 1
Hare, Shanghai, — Tai Chai	" 70
Pantridge, — Cho Khoo	pair 1
Pheasant, — Shan Kai	each 30
Pigeons, Canton, — Pak Kup	" 25
" Hoihow, — Hoi How Pak Kup	" 23
Quail, — Um Chun	dozen 25
Rice Birds, — Wo Pa Cheul	each 25
Snipe, — Sa Choy	lb. 51
Turkeys, Cook, — Phor Kai Kung	" 05
" Hen, — Na	" 05
Wild Ducks, — Shai, — Shung hoi Sui Ap	" 1
Teal, — Su Ap Chai	" 1
Wild Ducks, Canton, — Sang Shing Sui Ap	" 1

FISH.

Cts.	
Barbel, — Ka Yu	lb. 9
Bream, — Bin Yu	" 16
Canton Fresh Water Fish, — Hoi Sin Yu	" 12
Carp, — Li Yu	" 18
Catfish, — Chik Yu	" 18
Codfish, — Mun Yu	" 18
Crabs, — Hai	" 20
Cuttle Fish, — Muk Yu	" 15
Dab, — Sa Mang Yu	" 11
Dace, — Wong Mei Lun	" 15
Dog Fish, — Pit Tu Sa	" 8
Eels, Congor, — Hoi Mann	" 15
" Fresh water, — Tam Sin Yu	" 16
Eels, Yellow, — Wong Sin	" 28
Frogs, — Tien Kai	" 32
Gardoupa, — Sek Pan	" 52
Gudgeon, — Pak Kap Yu	" 12
Herrings, — Tao Pak	" 20
Halibut, — Cheung Kwan Kup	" 16
Labrus, — Wong Fa Yu	" 28
Loach, — Wu Yu	" 28
Loabsters, — Lung Ha	" 20
Mackerel, — Chi Yu	" 24
Monk Fish, — Mong Yu	" 15
Mullet, — Chai Yu	" 20
Oysters, — Sang Hoo	" 10
Parrotfish, — Kai Kung Yu	" 10
Perch, — Tau Loo	" 15
Pike, — Pa Paw Poong	" 18
Plaice, — Pan Yu	" 22
Pomfret, Black, — Hak Chong	" 28
Pomfret, White, — Pak Chong	" 52
Pawns, — Ming Ha	" 52
Ray, — Pat Pa Su	" 15
Rock Fish, — Sek Ka Kung	" 15
Salmon, — Ma Yau Yu	" 4

肉食

Shark, — Sa Yu	" 10
Skate, — Po Yu	" 22
Shrimps, — Ha	" 24
Snapper, — Lap Yu	" 18
Soles, — Tat Sa Yu	" 18
Tench, — Wan Yu	" 20
Turbot, — Cho How Yu	" 57
Turtles, small, fresh water, — Kork Yu	" 57
White Bait, — Ngau Yu Chai	" 1

FRUITS

Cts.	
Almonds, — Hung Yau	lb. 25
Apples (California), — Kam San Ping Kho	" 15
" (Chefoo), — Tin Chun Ping Kho	" 15
" Small, — Hoi Tong	" 15
" Castard, — Fan Lai Chi	each 15
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, — San Shing Hoiung Chiu	lb. 3
" (brides), Macao, — San Hoiung Chiu	" 14
Chestnuts, Chinese, — Foong Lut	" 12
Carambala, — Yeung Tse	" 12
Cocanuts, — Yeh Tse	each 10
Lemons, China, — Ning Moong	" 6
" American, — Kam San Ning Moon	" 6
Lichees Dried, — Lai Chi, small Stone	lb. 25
" Fresh	" 8
Limes, (Sai Gon), — ai Kung Ning Moong	each 12
Mango, Manila, — Lai Sang Mong	" 12
Mangosteens, — San Chuk Tse	doz 15
Oranges, (Canton), — San-shing Tim Ching	lb. 15
" Sweet	" 15
Pears, (American), — Kam San Shoo Lay	" 10
" (Canton), Cooking, — Sa Lay	" 10
Peanuts, — Pa Sang	" 10
Persimmons Large, — Hung Chio	" 10
Pine-apples, 1st quality, — Poon Ti Paw Law	each 10
" 2nd — Chung Lung Paw Law	" 10
Plantain, — Tai Cheu	" 10
Plums, — Swatow, Hung Lai	" 15
Pumelo, Siam, — Chim Lo Yau	each 15
" Shanghai, — Lo Kwat	" 15
Walnuts, — Hop Tuo	lb. 15
" Green, — Sang Hop Tuo	" 15
Water Melon, — Am, — Kam San Sai Kwa	each 1
" (China) Sai Kwa	" 1
Grapes, — Sang Po Tai Tse	lb. 1

VEGETABLES, &c.

牛油	Artichokes, Shanghai, —Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb. 8	芋
油	Cheuk	..	菜
牛肉	Beans, (French), Macao, —Oh Mooa Pin Tau	.. 8	澳門
仔	" (French) Shanghai, —Sheung Hui Pin	..	上海
鴨	" Tau	..	菜
口	" Sprout, —Ah Cho	.. 3	菜
	" Long, —Tai Ko	..	菜
仔	Beet Root, —Hung Choi Tau	.. each 2	紅菜
雞	Brinjals, Green, —Ching Yuan	.. 6	青
鴨	" Red, —Hung Ker	.. 5	紅
蛋	Cabbage, Chinese, cont. —Kai Choy	.. 12	菜
南	Cabbage Red, —Hung Yea Choy	.. 10	菜
雞	Cabbage, Shanghai, —Yeh Choi	..	菜
	Cane Shoots, bunch, —Kau Shum	.. lb. 1	蔗
	Cauliflower, Large size, —Tai Yeh Cho Fa	.. each 15	大椰
	" Medium size, —Cheung Yeh Cho Fa	.. 10	中椰
	" Small size, —Sai Yen Choi Fa	.. 8	細椰
野	Carrots, —Kam Shum	.. lb. 0	金
雞	Celery, Chinese, —Tong Kan Choi	.. 6	芹
仔	" English, —Yeung Kan Choi	.. 5	洋
鴨	Chillies Dried, —Gon Lat Chiu	.. 18	乾
白	" Red, —Hung Far Chiu	.. 12	紅
羽	" Green, —Ching Lat Chiu	.. 14	青
雞	Curry Stuff, English, —Kar Lee Chui Lau	.. 10	茄
雞	Cucumbers, —Ching Kwa	..	瓜
雞	Ritter Squash, —Fu Kwa	..	瓜
公	Garlic, —Que Tau	.. 8	蒜
	Ginger, young, —Kun Tso Keung	.. 5	葱
	" old, —Lo Keung	.. 6	
水	Horse Radish, Shanghai, —Lik Kua	.. 12	力
鴨	Indian Corn, —Suk Mui	.. each 5	粟
鴨	Lettuce, —Young Sang Choi	.. 1	洋
鴨	Water Cheenuts, —Ma Tai	.. lb. 6	桂
鮮	" Mandarin, —Kwai Lum Ma Tai	.. 6	林
	Mushrooms, Fresh, —Sang Cho Koo	..	生
魚	Mush Melon, Amer. —Kam-san Hong Kwa	.. each 1	金
手	Ocroos, ..	.. b 1	菜
魚	Onions Bombay, —Yeung Chong Tau	.. 10	洋
魚	" Green, —Sang Chong	.. 6	生
魚	" Shanghai, —Shang-hoi Chong Tau	.. 8	上海
魚	Papaw, 1st qual., —Tai Man Sau Kua	.. each 1	大
	" 2nd " Chung	..	萬
魚	Parsley, —Kun Cho	.. 5	芹
魚	Green Peas, —Ching Tau	.. lb. 8	青
魚	Potatoe, Sweet, —Fau Shu	.. 3	薯
魚	" Shanghai, —Shang-hoi Shu Tsa	..	上海
魚	" Japan, —Yut Poon Shu Tsa	.. 3	日
魚	" American, —Pa Ki Shu Tsa	.. 3	旗
魚	" Foochow, —Foo-chow Shu Tsa	.. 3	州
魚	Pumpkin, —Tong Kwa	.. 3	冬
魚	Radish, —Hung Lo Pak Tsoi	.. 1	大
魚	Rhubab (fresh), —Tai Wong	..	菜
魚	Sage, —Tso So	.. 6	菜
魚	Shallots, —Gon Chung Tau	.. 8	蒜
魚	Spinach, —Yin Choi	.. 4	菜
魚	Tomatoes, —Fan Ker	.. 5	菜
魚	Taro, —Wu Tau	.. 3	芋
魚	Turnips, Punti, (Long), —Lo Pak	.. 2	菜
魚	" English, —Yeung Lo Pak	..	菜
魚	Vegetable Marrow, —Chit Kwa	..	菜
魚	" (American), —Kum-san Chit Kwa	..	菜
魚	Water Cross, —Sai Yeung Cho	.. 8	菜
魚	" Lily root, —Lin Ngau	.. 5	菜
魚	Yam, —Tai Shu	.. 6	菜

COMMERCIAL.

Tea Review.

Messrs. Geo. White & Co., London, write in their annual tea review:—

Prospects for the coming season are bright, and a remunerative level of values should prevail. In special reference to common tea, we think that if a position of "more tea and less price" could be attained it would be to the advantage of the industry generally, provided the standard of quality did not fall too low. An increase in the consumption of China tea during 1911 of 4.1 million lb. gives point to the remarks we made in our last review as to the probable result of a relatively high level being maintained for common tea. The distributor of low-priced tea has been compelled to look elsewhere for something to lower the cost of his blends, and it is only from China that a sufficiently poor grade and consequently low-priced article can be obtained. In view of the striking difference in cost between Indian "common" tea and China of the same grade, it is surprising that more of the latter has not been consumed, and this goes to show that it is used from necessity and not from choice. It is therefore to be hoped that labour and climatic conditions may favour an abundant crop, and that it may be possible to supply not only home, but also our valuable foreign markets at a reasonable price, so that consumers may not be forced to resume their acquaintance with the mostly unwholesome production of China. A disturbing feature is the uncertainty as to what effect the present upheaval in China is likely to have on supplies from that country. Should there be a serious deficiency in the first crop, as many think is possible, there would likely be an abnormal appreciation in values, in consequence of those countries which usually draw the bulk of their supplies from that quarter having to make up the difference with British-grown tea. This would, of course, be of immediate advantage to growers, but would mean a great dislocation of trade and loss to distributors, and the eventual result of such a condition of affairs would probably not be to the benefit of any branch of the industry.

Concerning Silver.

In view of the present increased values of silver as compared with the values for the past three years it is interesting to note that the estimated silver production of the Cobalt district in Canada for the fiscal year 1911 will amount to \$16,500,000, an increase of \$3,000,000 over 1910. It is very probable that the maintenance of increased values may lead to increased production, but it is very improbable that the increase can be of any great proportions. The total silver production during the past four years is as follows: 1908, 203,186,370oz.; 1909, 211,215,633oz.; 1910, 222,879,303oz.; and 1911, 223,793,117oz. Owing to the civil war and the incidental unrest in Mexico, which is the greatest single silver-producing country in the world, cannot increase its output, and as a matter of fact the production in 1911 has been 4,000,000oz. less than that of 1910. Consequently the increase in production can hardly be such as to glut the market.

The future value of silver would seem to depend on the Indian monsoon and the China loans. However uncertain a factor the Indian monsoon may prove to be, the China loans must be considered a certainty, for reasons well known. Therefore whatever weakness there may be in silver values at present is presumably only temporary. And even in India the indications are for a good monsoon and the consequent necessity of the Government of India to buy silver for coinage, however much it may have been successful in the introduction of gold and the postponement of silver buying.

Notices

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS & SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG.

King's Buildings.

A Smoking Concert will be held in the rooms of the above Institution on SATURDAY, April 20th, at 9 p.m. Admission by Ticket. Visitors are cordially invited. Tickets may be procured at the Institute.

W. J. TROAKES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1912. [307]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB

THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held on SATURDAY, April 20th, at 7.15 p.m. in the HONGKONG HOTEL.

Members intending to be present should notify the undersigned, giving number of guests they intend to invite.

A. HAMILTON,
Hon. Secretary.

SA YINGTIN SCHOOL.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1912. [289]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, the 27th April, 1912, at 12.30 p.m., at the Offices of the JOCKEY CLUB on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Club.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1912. [301]

THE SOLDIERS' CLUB

CRICKET AND FOOTBALL CHALLENGE SHIELD. Competitions should apply Mr. THORNHILL, the Soldiers' Club.

Entrance Fee \$5.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1912. [218]

DIRECCAO DAS OBRAS

PUBLICAS DE MACAU.

THE Macao Public Works Department

will, up to 12 o'clock (noon) of the 10th day of the coming month of May, receive proposals for the erection of eight (8) dwellings, under the following conditions:—

1st. The bidder shall present detailed and complete designs of the construction type that he proposes to execute, restricting himself to the lot which is displayed for the effect, signed in the Plans which may be seen at the Portuguese Consulate in Hongkong and at the Public Works Department in Macao.

2nd.

The type of the building will be subordinated only to the following characteristics:

(a) Each house shall consist of ground-floor, built on an arcade, and first floor;

(b) It will be destined for family lodgings and shall contain from 6 to 8 interior apartments. Outside the building there shall be the necessary out-houses;

(c) All houses shall be isolated and independent and shall be provided with gardens and yards where the said out-houses shall be situated. Twinhouses, that is, those equal to one another and symmetrical, forming only one body of the building, will be admitted, provided they are absolutely independent.

3rd.

Each proposal must contain:

(a) Complete design (Plans, Elevations and detailed description of the works);

(b) Special stipulations for execution;

(c) Price of each complete building.

4th.

Within thirty days reckoned from the date on which the rejection of the proposals of the competitors will be published, the same way and in the same places as the present notices are, no claims will be admitted on the classifications.

5th.

The conditions for preference are:

(a) Price per square metre of dwelling;

(b) Aesthetic and hygienic of the buildings;

(c) Time taken for the conclusion of works;

6th.

Designs whose price for each complete building (condition 3rd) exceeds five hundred dollars (\$500) cannot be considered. By building here is meant the house defined in a and b of condition 2nd.

To the competitors classified in the first place, the adjudication for the erection of the buildings will be granted; the next will be awarded a prize of \$500 and the third the prize of \$250.

8th.

All the designs presented will remain in an envelope the possession of the Macao Public Works Department. Public Works Department, Macao, 8th April, 1912.

A. P. de MIBANDA GUEDES,

Director of Public Works.

To Sail

THE AMERICAN & MAN-CHURIAN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK.

(With Liberty to sail at the Malabar Coast.)

THE Steamship

"MATOPPO."

Captain Dorman, will be despatched for the above port on or about WEDNESDAY, 15th May.

For Freight and further information, apply to

THE BANK LINE, LTD.

General Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1912. [309]

Regular Steamship Service

Proposed Sailing from Hongkong.

FOR NEW YORK.

With Liberty to call at the Malabar Coast and to proceed via the Cape of Good Hope.

"S. MONTROSE" on or about 23rd April.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1912. [388]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

(Taking cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras, and Mauritius.)

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE AFGAR."

Captain E. W. Hamlyn, will be despatched for the above ports on SATURDAY, the 20th April, at 1 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1912. [301]

Public Companies.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 23rd April, 1912, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statements of account to 31st December, 1911, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 19th April to the 23rd April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1912. [290]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 23rd April, 1912, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statements of account to 31st December, 1911, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The Transfer Books of the Society will be closed from 13th April to the 23rd April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1912. [289]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, the 4th May, 1912, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1912, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 2nd April to the 4th May, 1912, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1912. [311]

HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

ON and after May 1st, 1912, the charge for lighting, etc., will be reduced to TWENTY-SEVEN per cent, and the charge for Radiant and Motors to TEN per cent.

DISCOUNTS WILL REMAIN AS AT PRESENT.

GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1912. [313]

Banks

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Depository of the U.S. Government in the Philippines and the Republic of Panama.

Head Office—60, Wall Street, New York.

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The Officers of the Bank are bound not to disclose the transactions of any of its customers.

GEORGE HOGG, Manager.

9, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1912. [19]

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL YEN 48,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL " 30,000,000

RESERVE FUND " 17,500,000

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Fengtien, Ryukyu Port (Ar-

guing), Hankow, San Francisco,

Honolulu, Shanghai,

Kobe, Tientsin,

Lima-Yang, Yokohama,

Lyons, Tokyo.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

TAKESU TAKAMICHI, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1912. [18]

Consignees.

"SEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENARTY,"

FROM LEITH, MIDDELSBRO, LONDON & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th April, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 24th April, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th April, at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1912. [800]

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF THE

Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 22nd day of April, 1912, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of CROWN LAND adjoining Island Lots Nos. 54 and 1553 in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Area of Lot, 1.533 1/2 acres, or thereabouts.

Boundary Measurements.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND \$10,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF FIDELITY \$10,000,000

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